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Dockets Management Branch  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, Maryland 20852

Dear CEO, Staff and Management:

I am urging you to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

Some very good reasons for granting the petition are:

1. Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain.
2. It is impossible to move a downed animal humanely, and they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains.
3. Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered, and prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship.
4. Industry experts have estimated that 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.


Sincerely,



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